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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

CHINA.

Shanghai—Summary of Plague.

Acting Asst. Surg. Ransom reports: The last case of plague at Shanghai was reported November 18, making a total of 16 cases with 9 known deaths since the appearance of the disease in November. The cases have all occurred among Chinese, and the area of distribution has remained unchanged. The disease has been evenly distributed as regards sex. Nothing definite is known regarding conditions in the Chinese territory surrounding the international settlement.

CUBA.

Transmissible Diseases.

Dec. 1 to 10, 1912.

Diseases.	New cases.	Deaths.	Under treatment.
Leprosy.....			245
Malaria.....			3
Typhoid fever.....	17	3	39
Diphtheria.....	7		2
Scarlet fever.....	7		9
Measles.....	2		4
Tetanus in newborn.....	1	1	
Ikterus gravis (in nonimmunes to yellow fever).....	1	1	
Paratyphoid.....	1		3
Rubeola.....	1		

FRANCE.

Nantes—Antityphoid Vaccination.

A report from Nantes dated November 22 states: The first public service of vaccination against typhoid fever in France, outside of Paris, was inaugurated at Nantes, on November 20, 1912, by Prof. Chantemesse, of Paris. This service is under the supervision of the municipal health bureau of Nantes, and the public vaccination will take place each Thursday at 4 o'clock p. m. at the city hospital (Hôtel-Dieu). Persons desiring to be vaccinated have to produce a certificate issued by a physician, stating that they are in good health.

JAPAN.

The Cholera Situation.

A report from Yokohama dated November 25 states that during the week ended November 23 the total number of new cases of cholera reported in Japan was 111. The total since the beginning of the outbreak was 2,437.

Yokohama.—During the week ended November 23, 11 new cases of cholera were reported. Twelve cholera bacillus carriers were found. The total number of cases reported in Yokohama from the beginning of the epidemic to November 23 was 33.

Kanagawa prefecture.—Under date of November 27, for the period from the beginning of the outbreak to November 26, the total number of cases reported in Kanagawa prefecture was 121, of which 72 died.

JAVA.

Surabaya—Plague Epidemic.

A report from Batavia states that plague has been epidemic at Surabaya, Java, since November 4.

PORTO RICO.

Plague Situation.

Passed Asst. Surg. Creel reports:

Rats examined Dec. 1 to 7, 1912.

Places.	Rats examined.	Rats found infected.
All Porto Rico.....	1,330
San Juan municipality:		
San Juan.....	122
Puerta de Tierra.....	20
Santurce.....	108

A summary of the plague situation to December 7, 1912, including human and rodent cases reported or discovered, was as follows: Rats examined, 32,650; rats found infected, 66; human cases, 56; deaths, 36. The last case of plague in man occurred in San Juan September 12, 1912; the last plague-infected rat was found at Arecibo October 30.

RUSSIA.

Afghanistan—Plague.

A report from St. Petersburg, dated November 29, states that the commission for the prevention of plague announced October 29 that the northwestern part of Afghanistan was infected with plague and that the frontier between Russia and Persia and Afghanistan, from Mean to Meruchak, would be closed.

MOVEMENTS OF INFECTED VESSELS.¹

CHOLERA.

Russian vessel, Nagasaki, Japan, August 10 and 13, 1912, 2 cases of cholera in personnel of vessel. (Name of vessel and its itinerary not given.)

Otaru Maru, Nagasaki, Japan, August 23, 1912, from Shanghai, 1 case of cholera in crew.

Kuchinotsu, Japan, August 29, 1912, from Shanghai, via Nagasaki, 1 case of cholera on board.

¹ Reported since July 1, 1912.